

REPUBLIC OF NAURU
COURTS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2016
EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The *Courts (Amendment) Bill 2016* is a Bill for the *Courts (Amendment) Act 2016*.

EXPLANATION OF CLAUSES

Clause 1 provides that, once enacted, the short title of the Bill will be the *Courts (Amendment) Act 2016*.

Clause 2 sets out when the Bill's provisions will commence.

Clause 3 is the enabling provisions for the amendment of the *Courts Act 1972*.

Clause 4 amends section 38 (1) by substituting the second paragraph with a new paragraph which includes criminal and civil matters being transferred to the Supreme Court.

The second change to section 38(1) is the deletion of the fourth paragraph which relates to the amendments to the Criminal Procedure Act regarding the removal of committal hearings or preliminary inquiry.